

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—*War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Feb. 27, 1877.* 10:30 a. m.—For the Middle and Eastern States northwest to northeast winds, rising barometer and colder, partly cloudy or clear weather.

AN ANCIENT ANECDOTE.—The Baltimorean has a sketch of the life of Rev. Spencer H. Cone, the grandfather of the celebrated actress Kate Claxton, and who was with the Middle and Eastern States northwest to northeast winds, rising barometer and colder, partly cloudy or clear weather.

While pastor in Alexandria a pleasant little episode, or anecdote, occurred. Col. George C. Denale, an old-time gentleman, was then Clerk of the U. S. Court, at Alexandria. Mr. Cone was one day called upon by a "sail" and the "Moll," who requested to be "spliced." The Doctor asked Jack for the license, but none had he. The Doctor directed him to the Clerk's office. "Have to pay anything for it, Clerk?" said Jack. "Yes," was the reply. "How much does the Clerk charge?" "I intended giving you a license for splicing Moll and you replied—'The law allows him four and sixpence, (75 cents), but the usual charge is two dollars.' Jack posted off to the clerk, and asked for the license, which was soon handed to him. The five dollar price was laid down, and soon three dollars change offered. "No you don't you land shark," said Jack; "the law only allows you 4s. 6d." "Who told you that?" enquired the Clerk. "His reverence," answered Jack. "Well, Jack," said the Clerk, "what are you going to do with the balance?" "Give it to his reverence," was the quick reply. "But," said the Clerk, "the law only allows him 4s. 6d., and he will feel offended if you offer him any more." Soon Jack and Moll were in the presence of the Reverend Doctor, and promptly made one flesh. Jack as promptly laid down the 4s. 6d. The Doctor felt assured that Jack's financial stroke was endorsed by Col. Denale, as he was fond of a joke and decidedly popular.

CITY SCHOOL BOARD.—A called meeting was held last night, present: S. C. Neale, esp. Chairman, and Messrs. Addison, J. S. Beach, Gregory, Herbert, McKenzie and Marbury, Trustees, and the Superintendent of Schools.

The Chairman stated that he had called the meeting in consequence of a communication addressed to him by some of the teachers of Hollowell School, (colored), in which they stated that their characters had been assailed by a certain colored man in such a manner that the schools might be injured and they not take measures to disprove these charges, which paper was, by his direction, read.

On motion of Mr. Herbert it was referred to a special committee of four, to make the required investigation, and the Chair appointed Messrs. McKenzie, Gregory, Whitington and Whitley to constitute the committee, to which the Superintendent of Schools was added.

Mr. McKenzie, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, then, by unanimous consent, reported the bill of A. S. Porpore for coal and wood, \$26.50, which was ordered to be paid, and the Board adjourned.

COMMITTEE ON STREETS.—The Committee on Streets of the City Council held a meeting at the Auditor's office last evening, all of the members being present.

It was resolved to ask the City Council for an additional appropriation of \$1,500 for the cleaning and repairing of streets, this sum to include \$567 for the completion of the repairs to the upper end of Duke street.

On motion of Alderman Strauss, it was further resolved that the Superintendent of Police be directed not to employ any laborers or carts without authority from the Committee on Streets, or the chairman thereof.

CHRIST CHURCH.—We have received from the Ladies' Sewing Society, of Christ Church, an "Historical Sketch of Old Christ Church." A reprint in handsome style, illustrated, &c., at a cost of eighty dollars, and donated by a lady, originally intended to assist in paying for a handsome iron railing for the enclosure of the church, fronting on Washington street, but now "sold for needed repairs in Christ Church." For sale at Estwile's book store.

ON TO RICHMOND.—Mention has been heretofore made in the Gazette of the suits instituted in the Circuit Court, of Richmond, against various steamboat companies in the State, among them several whose routes end at this city. Subpoenas for nearly all the steamboat men and agents have been received and served, and those summoned will leave for Richmond to-night.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held at West End, this evening, by Justice Thomas Brown, acting coroner, on the body of Mrs. Peon, who was killed by the A. & F. train, as mentioned yesterday. The jury, of which Daniel W. Lewis was foreman, rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts as published.

County Items.

The Ladies' Mite Society of Alexandria County last Thursday evening, the 22d instant, at the house of Mrs. Hayes. After a friendly greeting, a sumptuous supper and some routine business, an election of officers was held for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. C. H. Mix; Vice President, Mrs. J. H. Whallon; Secretary, Miss Mary H. Hayes; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Charles Vanderwerken; Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Brown. This society was organized a few years ago, and had for its object the raising of funds with which to build a church, and the ladies, by their indefatigable efforts and the help of the gentlemen of the community, have succeeded so well as to have erected a beautiful edifice known as the First Presbyterian Church of Alexandria county. The society meets monthly, and its next meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. Gilbert Vanderwerken on the 29th of March.

A free entertainment in the cause of temperance will be given on Wednesday evening, the 28th instant, at Balston, (Ball's Cross Roads) in the Presbyterian Church, by the members of Daniel's Band Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars. The exercises will consist of lectures by prominent gentlemen from Washington and appropriate singing by the members of the order. All are cordially invited.

Fruit growing has of late received unusual attention in the county, and the pleasant weather of the present month has been well improved by the growers in pruning their young orchards and vineyards.

FROM CENTENNIAL HEADQUARTERS.—"I find Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup excellent, having a ready sale and rendering more satisfaction than any other Syrup I have ever sold."—A. B. Malony, M. D., Fifteenth and Carpenter streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

"I have used Dr. Simmon's Liver Regulator myself and in my family for years, and pronounce it one of the most satisfactory medicines that can be used. Nothing would induce me to be without it, and I recommend all my friends, if they want to secure health, to always keep it on hand."

"R. L. Moore, Columbus, Ga."

Every druggist has calls for Wells' Eureka for the teeth, a first-class article will always sell, persons who use it help advertise it as being first-class.

BAKER'S BEST CHOCOLATE received to-day by J. C. & E. MILBURN.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—11 a. m.—The Electoral Commission is again in session, this time having under consideration the South Carolina case, but judging from the appearance of the Court room, the very slim attendance of spectators, the marked absence of noted counsel, and the general lack of interest manifested, it looks as if nothing was expected from the decision of the Commission to give hope to the friends of "law and order."

The filibusters, while somewhat depressed this morning, and with their forces scattered, have not altogether given up, but will once more rally and make a last struggle when the Commission's report on South Carolina comes before the House.

In the meanwhile it is proposed to day to try and get up and force through Mr. Field's bill for a new election, which, if done, will revive the hopes of those who favor obstructing the path of Hayes to the White House, and give their plans a much more definite shape, that it will attract to them many who are now averse to further delaying the count. With Mr. Field's bill adopted by the House, and no appropriations yet made, it would seem easy to force the Senate into acquiescence, and with a prospect for a new election within a year, the people would most likely sanction such proceedings on the part of the House as would carry the count over the 4th of March. But that such a course will be taken is not likely. The opponents of delay consider themselves too strongly entrenched behind the breastwork of faith, and the republicans hold the South to the strict letter of the bond, and with Texas, New York and part of Missouri and Kentucky on the side of submission, they expect to close proceedings on or about Friday. This is the way the matter stands now; what changes may occur in the next few hours—and that there will be changes is hardly to be doubted in these exciting times—will be noted.

A decision is likely to be arrived at in the South Carolina case earlier than was yesterday expected.

It is reported that the radicals of the Senate have determined that should the emergency arrive they will take forcible possession of the Hall of the House. It is said this action was taken in caucus but it can hardly be so and the "report" is only given as a "rumor."

A mass meeting is to be held in this city to-night "to protest against the consummation of the radical conspiracy to place a defeated candidate in the Presidential chair," which is to be addressed by G. W. Julian and other eminent men.

SENATE.

The Senate after the usual night recess at ten o'clock resumed its session.

Mr. McDonald introduced resolutions of respect to the memory of Hon. Michael C. Kerr, late Speaker of the House of Representatives. Resolutions were delivered by Mr. McDonald, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Booth, Mr. Morton, Mr. Wright and others, and the Senate took a recess until noon.

During the morning hour, Mr. Johnson, of Va., presented a bill for the removal of the civil disabilities of Hon. J. L. M. Curry, of Richmond, Va., and asked its present consideration.

Objection was made that this was an unusual case as all such bills ought to go to the Committee.

Mr. Johnson explained that when Mr. Curry's case came before the committee the only reason why it was not formally reported was that no petition accompanied the bill. He had shown this bill to the chairman of the committee (Mr. Edmunds) who consented to its passage.

Mr. Withers said the bill passed the House last Congress and was dropped in the Senate only because of want of time.

Objection was withdrawn and the bill was passed.

After some further business, Mr. Johnson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill for removing the political disabilities of Lloyd I. Beall, of Va., was indefinitely postponed on Thursday last.

Mr. J. said that Mr. Edmunds in reporting that bill had based the adverse report on the ground that Mr. Beall was a defaulter to the Government. That was a mistake, as a letter, which he had read, from the Treasury Department, showed the accounts of Mr. Beall proving that the Government owed him.

The motion was reconsidered and the bill passed.

An effort to take up the Pacific Railroad bill was lost, yeas 28, nays 29.

The appropriation bills were considered.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met at 10 o'clock, and immediately went into Committee of the Whole upon the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, the further consideration of which occupied the time till 12 o'clock, when

The Speaker resumed the chair, and prayer was offered and the journal of yesterday read.

Mr. Addison, of Tenn., offered a resolution to permit the insertion into the Civil Appropriation bill, for consideration, of a claim to pay mail contractors amounts due for services rendered before the war in several of the Southern States, which was agreed to—yeas 128, nays 30.

The House then again went into Committee of the Whole and again took up the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill.

In Committee the amendment to pay the amounts due mail contractors for services rendered before the war, if not paid by the Confederate government, was adopted.

After discussion and the adoption and rejection of any number of amendments the Committee rose, and the bill was reported to the House, when

Mr. Field reported his bill to provide for the filling of a vacancy in the Presidential office and designating who should be President in the order of succession.

Mr. Burdick, rad., at once objected, and raised a point of order that the bill could not be reported as this one had been, without consent.

The Chair very promptly overruled the objection, and decided that such a bill could be introduced at any time, so important was the measure.

The ruling by the Chair was very sorely received by the radical side of the House, who resorted to all kind of tactics to prevent action, but without success, and the consideration was proceeded with, and

Mr. Field explained the provisions of the bill and the good effects that would have been achieved had such a bill been adopted long ago. As at present there was no power to provide the defect of a vacancy, and it was only for this purpose that the bill was brought forward, he denied that it was a party measure, but only for the general good.

Mr. Kasson, of Iowa, rad., replied, arguing that there was no necessity for such a law, and that he was doubtful whether Congress had the right to pass such a law; and that the bill might defeat the popular will.

Mr. Lawrence, of Ohio, rad., opposed the

bill upon the ground that the President of the Senate might delay the count in order that he might benefit himself President.

Mr. Neale, of Ohio, dem., opposed the bill upon the ground that the passage of the bill would put Morton in the presidency, and said he would rather see Hayes president for four years than Morton for four days.

Mr. Seelye, of Mass., rad., objected to the bill because it offered a premium for Congress to do nothing, and scenery, that it might put the President of the Senate in the presidency by delay.

Mr. Banks, of Mass., rad., opposed the bill, that it supplies a president in opposition to the will of the people, and recognizes powers of Congress that it was never intended it should have.

Mr. Field replied to the arguments of the opponents of the bill in a very satisfactory manner, and called the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered, and the bill put upon its passage, notwithstanding the frequent objections made by the radicals, and the bill passed. Yeas, 138; nays, 109.

A resolution recognizing Hampton as the legal Governor of South Carolina, and Nichols as the legal Governor of Louisiana, was lost for want of the constitutional vote—yeas 156, nays 95—a party vote.

A resolution endorsing President Grant's opinions that Nichols is the rightful Governor of Louisiana was also lost—yeas 127, nays 85.

The House then, by a vote of 120 to 119, recessed till to-morrow.

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

The Presidential Electoral Commission re-assembled at 10 o'clock this morning in the Supreme Court room, all the members of the Commission being present, Senator Kernan occupying the place of Senator Thurman, who resigned on account of ill health.

Representative Hard, of Ohio, of the democratic objectors, first addressed the Commission, arguing that at the late election, in South Carolina, there did not exist a republican form of government; that anarchy prevailed; that the presence of troops had the effect of intimidating, besides being antagonistic to the spirit of free government, and the Commission should have evidence upon the points raised by the objectors to the receipt of the electoral vote of South Carolina.

Representative Lawrence, of republican objectors, followed Mr. Hard.

Representative Cochran, of democratic objectors, then read the objections to the count of the vote of the State.

Mr. Blair, democratic counsel, then addressed the Commission, after which

The republican side submitted the case without further argument.

Mr. Black, of democratic counsel, then took the floor and closed the argument in a powerful speech in opposition to the receipt of the vote upon the ground that the election was a mere burlesque, superintended by soldiers; a shame and a disgrace to the country. He was very severe upon all the proceedings of Congress, Commission, Executive and all, and declared that the pace of history recording the present acts of the party in power would be the blackest in the book.

At the conclusion of Judge Black's speech, and, at 1:15, the Commission went into secret session for consultation. The decision is anticipated by nearly all.

Foreign News.

PRINCE, Feb. 7.—The reappointment of the Tisza Ministry which resigned on account of the differences between Austria and Hungary on the bank question is gazetted.

BUCHAREST, Feb. 27.—In the Senate to-day the President of the Council in reply to an interpellation refused to produce the documents relative to Roumania's neutrality in the event of war between Turkey and Russia.

PARIS, February 27.—A letter from Adelina Patti is published declaring that the statements in the figures about her clapping with the tenor Nicolini are wholly inaccurate.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Times in its second edition publishes a dispatch from its St. Petersburg correspondent saying: "An extraordinary council of ministers was held here yesterday at which the Czar presided. Gen. Ignatieff was present. I learn on the best authority that it was decided to demobilize the Russian army when peace is signed between the Porte and Servia and Montenegro."

Telegraphic Summary.

The Supreme Court of South Carolina to-day again, to the surprise of all, failed to render a decision in the case involving the validity of Gov. Chamberlain's title to the Governorship.

The Chief Justice was sick, and it was reported that the negro Justice Wright, had been tampered with.

At a meeting of the Free Lovers, in Boston, yesterday, it was stated that believers and followers of the free love doctrine are rapidly multiplying all over the country, and that the New England association is the nucleus of a national organization soon to be formed, with headquarters in New York.

Dr. John Shay died under suspicious circumstances in West 28th street, N. Y., yesterday, and foul play by one Conklin is suspected.

The suit contesting Com. Vanderbilt's will was commenced to-day.

Local Briefs.

A large crowd of ladies and gentlemen collected at the M. E. Church South this afternoon to witness the marriage of Mr. John C. Wilson and Miss Annie Cates, the daughter of Mr. Jno. Cates, of West End.

The water was drawn off the Georgetown level of the C. & O. Canal on Saturday, and the residents of the Prince street, and will be completed in about two weeks.

Nancy Dudley, an old and well known colored woman, who resided on South Royal street, died on Saturday and was buried yesterday.

A letter directed to Robert Bell, Alexandria, Va., is detained in the post-office at Portsmouth, Va., or want of a stamp.

It was rumored at Cumberland yesterday that the George's Creek Coal and Iron Co. would resume work, paying the miners 55 cts. per ton.

The powder house lot is to be sold at public auction on the 16th proximo. See advertisement in another column.

Revival services will be continued at the M. E. Church to-night. Rev. W. C. Webb will conduct the exercises.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund bought a number of corporation bonds yesterday at \$81.20.

The City Council holds its regular semi-monthly meeting to-night.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington and Ohio R. R. was held to-day.

THE POWDER HOUSE LOT AT AUCTION.

Under a resolution of the City Council, the undersigned will sell by public auction, for cash, at 12 o'clock in, in front of the new Market Building, on Royal street, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of March, 1877, the POWDER HOUSE LOT, situated on the Muck Pot road, in Alexandria county, which is bounded by said road and by the lines of the lands of James E. McGraw and William D. Nutt, containing one and a half acres, more or less.

S. C. NEALE, Chm., Joint Com. on Feb 27-14 Public Prop. City Council.

IF YOU WANT A SMASH, OR A MINT JULEP, OR ANY DRINK,

J. HAMMEL'S MARKET SPACE, Is the only place to get them pure

THE BEST OF LIQUORS, WINES AND CIGARS always on hand. Feb 27-18

THE BLUE GLASS TREATMENT FOR

INFLUENZA.—We are prepared to furnish the Blue Glass, recently so highly spoken of in the treatment of various forms of disease. The glass will be supplied cut to size to suit any sick, and any number of lights desired can be set in.

JANNEY & CO., Druggists, Feb 26 Nos. 79 and 145 King st.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

GRANT UMBROAR ABOVE CLOTHING.

The largest stock of Overcoats and Suits bought at bankrupt sale to close out. Good Overcoats at \$2.50 upwards, including the very best of imported Chincheilas, Beavers, Kerseys, &c.

Gents' Cassimere Suits, consisting of Coat, Pants and Vest, at \$4.50; all wool Suits at \$5.50 and upwards, including the finest imported materials; excellent Children's Suits, 3 years, \$1.25; 4 years \$1.75; 5 years \$2.25; 6 years \$2.75 and upwards. They must be sold quick at

S. DEARBORN'S, 89 King street.

TO THE LADIES.—We have just received a fine assortment of Gentlemen's, Boys' and Youths' Fine Toilet Shippers, suitable for the holidays, which will be sold at prices to suit the times. [doc 6] WADDEY, 71 King st.

AGRICULTURAL.

LADRETH'S GARDEN SEEDS.—We are in receipt of our usual Spring supply of Seeds from the above named old and reliable firm. Our stock will be found to comprise all the old and well known and some new varieties, and being offered at reasonable prices as reliable Seeds can be sold, we respectfully invite an inspection. Also Flower Seeds in great variety, to which we especially invite the attention of the ladies. Garden and Flower Seeds in papers mailed to any address, free of postage, at the rate of \$1 per dozen papers.

JANNEY & CO., Druggists, Nos. 79 and 145 King st.

100 BARRELS

NORTHERN SEED
EARLY ROSE POTATOES.
TRUE TO NAME,
HUNT & ROBERTS, No. 6 S. Union street.

50 BUSHELS

EARLY ROSE POTATOES
First quality,
received and for sale by
DAVY & HARMON.

SEED.—Sapling Clover Seed, Red Top Clover Seed and White and Red Onion Sets for sale by
THOMAS PERRY, Agent, Feb 29-1w 17 King street.

LADRETH'S GARDEN SEED.

I have received a large supply of the above celebrated Seed, and are constantly ordering fresh supplies from the growers. Call and examine goods and prices at
W. F. CREIGHTON'S, 55 King street.

AGRICULTURAL PEAS.

200 bushels
B. L. C. P. E. A. S.
For sale by
THOMAS PERRY, Agent, Feb 14 17 King street.

SPRING, 1877.

GARDEN SEEDS.
We have just received our first supply of Garden Seeds for this year from old and reliable houses of D. Landroth & Son, and will be pleased to supply all of our customers. Catalogues can be had upon application.
Feb 9 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

ROBERT PORTNER'S

VIENNA LAGER BEER.
BOTTLED EXPRESSLY FOR FAMILY USE AND SHIPPING.
The attention of the public is respectfully called to a very superior article of Lager Beer, brewed from the best Malt and Hops, with the greatest care for its purity, and put up in the most convenient style with patent stoppers.

Invalids or delicate persons will derive much benefit from its use.
Price \$1 per dozen—bottles to be returned.
For sale by the principal grocers and restaurants.

Country merchants and dealers supplied at the lowest rates. Price List sent upon application.
Feb 7-1f
ROBERT PORTNER, Alexandria Brewery.

TOBACCO IN STORE.

20 boxes genuine B. F. Gray's 5s.
60 boxes 3 oz. Twist, Danville
25 boxes do, stock 1874, prime Danville.
40 boxes 4 oz. do.
40 boxes 11 inch Plug rich, and Danville.
Panama, Pocket Pipes, Pig Tail, Natural Bright, Black Navy and other brands. Very low to the trade.
JOHN A. FIELD, 71 King street.

NOTICE

HARRIS' BLACK SEAMLESS HARRIS' BLACK SEAMLESS
KID GLOVES!
KID GLOVES!
I have this day opened a full line of the above in two buttons, all sizes, at
Feb 17 C. C. BERRY'S

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

H. JACOB.
Desires to inform the public that he has again taken possession of his old stand, near door to the Gazette office on Prince street, and will be happy to see all of his former patrons and anybody else who wants a pleasant and artistic SHAVE or HAIR CUT.
Jan 30-1f

APPLES!

APPLES!
Fifty barrels of
ORIO APPLES,
of the Roman Beauty and Genoa varieties received this day by
Feb 16 DAVY & HARMON.

FRESH OAT MEAL

AND
GRAHAM FLOUR
received by
Feb 26 DAVY & HARMON.

WANTED.—A young man desires to purchase an INTEREST in some well established business, (commission preferred.) Is willing to keep books and be generally useful. Address at once box 235, Alexandria, Va.
Feb 26-d3t1w

WANTED TO RENT.

A SMALL CONVENIENT HOUSE, located in a good neighborhood in Alexandria, or four rooms suitable for housekeeping. Apply to J. M. H. Postoffice House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.
Feb 9-1f

SOMETHING NEW.
BEARDLEY'S SHREDDED CODFISH, ready for the table in 15 minutes, put up in one pound boxes.
Feb 21 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

WE HAVE MADE large additions to our stock of FINE FAMILY GROCERIES, all bought for cash at lowest prices, and offered to our customers at corresponding low rates. An inspection of stock solicited.
Feb 17 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st.

CANNED LOBSTER.—Burnham & Morrill's celebrated brand, 1 lb. tins, received and for sale by
Feb 21 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King street.

CEDAR TREES, Whisk Brooms, Fancy and Feather Dusters, Hearth Brooms, &c., just received.
Feb 21 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

PEARL BARLEY, fresh just received and for sale by
Feb 21 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King street.

PRIME ORANGES and LEMONS just received by
Feb 26 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

CITY HOTEL FOR RENT.

This property is situated at the S. W. cor. of Royal and Cameron streets, in Alexandria, Va., fronting the City Hall and Market buildings. Possession given on the 1st day of January next. Apply to WM. H. IRWIN, No. 182 Prince st., Alexandria, Va. oct 4-1f

NO. 42 S. WASHINGTON ST. FOR RENT. Possession given October 1st, 1876. Apply to GEO. ULLER, sep 15-1f

FISH, OYSTERS, &c.

J. G. GRIMES & CO.,
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
FRESH AND SALTED FISH,
Stands—Fish wharf and Market Building.
Feb 20-2m

W. H. SMITH,
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
OYSTERS, FISH, PRODUCE, &c., &c.,
No. 16 North Fairfax street,
Has constantly on hand Oysters of the best quality from Norfolk and elsewhere received fresh by steamers every day, and is prepared to furnish the trade at as low prices as any house in the city.
All orders entrusted to him shall receive prompt and careful attention. sep 7

WOOD AND COAL.

COAL!
For Good, Clean Coal go to
W. A. SMOOT.
WOOD AND COAL YARD,
CORNER DUKES AND FAIRFAX STS.,
Where you will find
A PRIME ARTICLE.
Feb 20-1m S. BAKER.